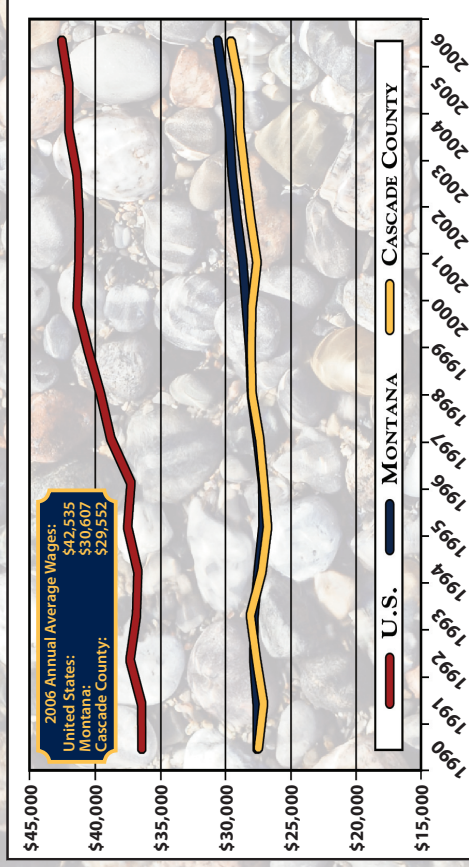


Annual Average Labor Force - Cascade County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2006	39,435	38,213	1,222	3.1%
2005	38,674	37,201	1,473	3.8%
2004	38,393	36,869	1,524	4.0%
2003	38,118	36,524	1,594	4.2%
2002	37,980	36,347	1,633	4.3%
2001	38,482	36,776	1,706	4.4%
2000	38,328	36,440	1,888	4.9%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)

Annual Average Wages, 1990 to 2006 (In 2006 Dollars)



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Per Capita Personal Income, 1990 to 2005 (In 2005 Dollars)



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Regional Economic Information System

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CASCADE COUNTY

Cascade County is Montana's fifth most populous county, with an estimated 79,385 residents as of July 1, 2006. Great Falls, the county seat, is the state's third largest city, with a population estimated at 56,215 in 2006.¹ Great Falls accounts for 70.8% of Cascade County's total population. Other cities and towns in Cascade County include: Belt, Cascade, Millegan, Monarch, Neihart, Sun River, and Ulm.

Great Falls is bordered on the west by the Rocky Mountains, to the southeast by the Little Belt and Highwood Mountains, and by the Hi-line area to the north. The city is home to Malmstrom Air Force Base, which is a driving force in the regional economy, employing the majority of the 3,918 military employees reported for Cascade County in 2005.² Great Falls also boasts the C. M. Russell Museum, the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, and two colleges: the University of Great Falls, and the MSU Great Falls College of Technology.

¹U.S. Census Bureau, *Population Estimates Program*

²Bureau of Economic Analysis, <http://bea.gov/nea/regional/reis>

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Chamber of Commerce

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Cascade, MT 59421
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Great Falls Tribune
205 River Drive South
Great Falls, MT 59405
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Job Service Workforce Center

**Great Falls Job Service
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Great Falls, MT 59405
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Great Falls Development Authority
300 Central Avenue, Suite 406
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(406) 454-1934
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Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006 (continued)

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Air transportation	4	48	\$23,547
Truck transportation	51	277	\$29,173
Transit and ground passenger transport	6	164	\$17,690
Pipeline transportation	2	*	*
Support activities for transportation	8	79	\$52,977
Postal service	1	*	*
Couriers and messengers	9	236	\$44,770
Warehousing and storage	2	*	*
INFORMATION	43	799	\$33,673
Publishing industries, except Internet	9	229	\$31,846
Motion picture, sound recording industry	2	*	*
Broadcasting, except Internet	7	157	\$30,450
Telecommunications	14	317	\$40,822
ISPs, search portals, & data processing	9	58	\$27,325
Other information services	1	*	*
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	177	2,257	\$41,605
Credit intermediation & related activity	51	690	\$34,395
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	31	*	*
Insurance carriers & related activities	94	1,231	\$33,181
Funds, trusts, other financial vehicles	2	*	*
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	127	449	\$17,845
Real estate	103	252	\$17,852
Rental and leasing services	22	*	*
Lessors of nonfinancial intangible asset	2	*	*
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	215	1,250	\$42,474
MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES	5	60	\$28,285
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	130	1,123	\$20,083
Administrative and support services	125	1,096	\$19,862
Waste management and remediation service	5	28	\$28,881
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	21	416	\$19,476
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	258	5,641	\$33,936
Ambulatory health care services	162	1,846	\$43,622
Hospitals	1	*	*
Nursing and residential care facilities	19	*	*
Social assistance	76	1,040	\$16,663
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	79	905	\$14,412
Performing arts and spectator sports	7	128	\$27,248
Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks	5	56	\$20,172
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	67	721	\$11,682
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	248	3,901	\$11,469
Accommodation	27	598	\$14,408
Food services and drinking places	220	3,303	\$10,936
OTHER SERVICES	237	1,265	\$20,010
Repair and maintenance	81	430	\$25,771
Personal and laundry services	42	313	\$16,939
Membership associations & organizations	88	488	\$17,302
Private households	26	34	\$14,392
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	104	5,364	\$37,025
Local Government	47	2,946	\$31,259
State Government	15	849	\$34,528
Federal Government	42	1,569	\$49,200

The QCEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	2664	34,501	\$29,551
TOTAL PRIVATE	2560	29,138	\$28,176
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	29	143	\$25,509
Crop production	9	62	\$18,982
Animal production	12	67	\$28,148
Fishing, hunting and trapping	1	*	*
Agriculture & forestry support	8	13	\$43,200
MINING	2	*	*
UTILITIES	18	188	\$55,749
CONSTRUCTION	303	2,229	\$36,754
Construction of buildings	101	573	\$32,624
Heavy and civil engineering construction	24	614	\$46,626
Specialty trade contractors	178	1,042	\$33,211
MANUFACTURING	71	981	\$39,279
Food manufacturing	17	411	\$37,637
Beverage and tobacco product mfg	4	81	\$32,231
Textile product mills	1	*	*
Leather and allied product manufacturing	2	*	*
Wood product manufacturing	4	57	\$28,588
Paper manufacturing	2	*	*
Printing and related support activities	7	113	\$33,830
Petroleum & coal products manufacturing	2	*	*
Chemical manufacturing	1	*	*
Plastics & rubber products manufacturing	3	11	\$37,897
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	3	32	\$39,828
Primary metal manufacturing	1	*	*
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	2	*	*
Machinery manufacturing	3	6	\$25,217
Computer and electronic product mfg	1	*	*
Electrical equipment and appliance mfg	1	*	*
Furniture and related product mfg	8	78	\$26,451
Miscellaneous manufacturing	10	36	\$30,700
WHOLESALE TRADE	150	1,442	\$39,388
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	86	893	\$40,350
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	43	442	\$39,052
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	22	107	\$32,759
RETAIL TRADE	366	5,271	\$21,520
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	55	728	\$31,077
Furniture and home furnishings stores	24	162	\$26,449
Electronics and appliance stores	22	111	\$24,035
Building material & garden supply stores	29	559	\$26,294
Food and beverage stores	29	532	\$20,637
Health and personal care stores	26	206	\$31,123
Gasoline stations	33	450	\$15,749
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	38	403	\$14,380
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	26	302	\$14,001
General merchandise stores	15	1,388	\$18,727
Miscellaneous store retailers	57	386	\$17,125
Nonstore retailers	12	45	\$46,086
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	82	817	\$33,504

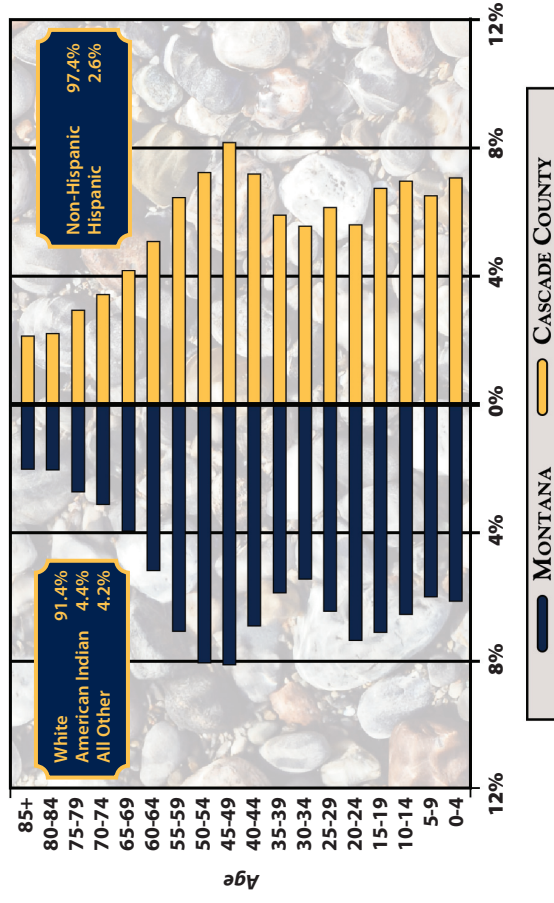
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)
* Data Not Disclosable

Population for Cascade County & Related Areas

Geography	% Change 2000-2006	Population Estimates							Census April 1, 2000
		July 1, 2006	July 1, 2005	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2003	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2001	July 1, 2000	
Cascade County	-1.2%	79,385	79,490	79,938	79,801	79,742	79,855	80,242	80,357
Belt city	-4.7%	603	610	617	620	622	626	632	633
Cascade town	-3.7%	789	797	800	803	805	811	817	819
Great Falls city	-0.8%	56,215	56,287	56,535	56,414	56,251	56,325	56,628	56,690
Neihart town	-3.3%	88	88	89	89	89	90	91	91
Balance of Cascade County	-2.0%	21,690	21,708	21,897	21,875	21,975	22,003	22,074	22,124

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Distribution of Population by Age Montana and Cascade County, 2006



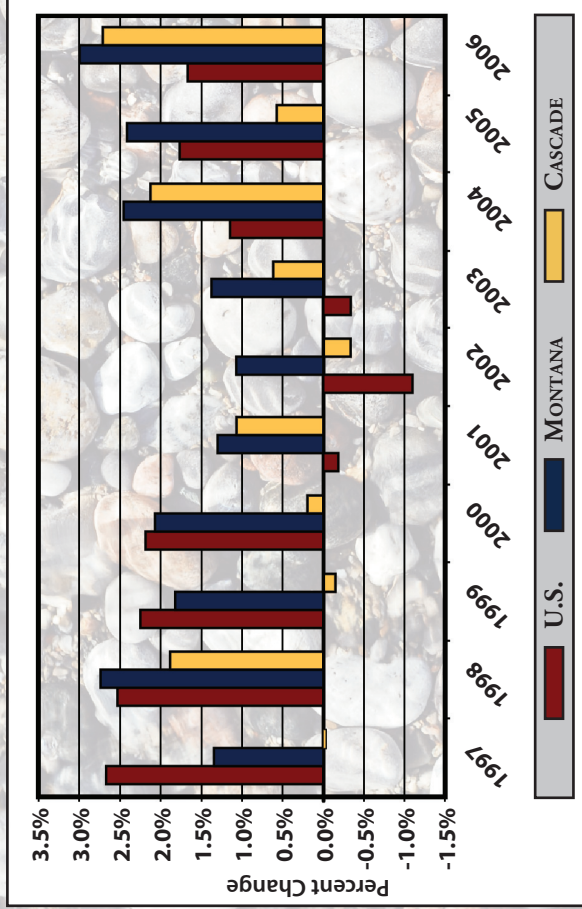
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 Population Estimates

Highest Level of Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and older)

Educational Attainment	Cascade County	Montana	U.S.
Less than High School Diploma	12.9%	12.8%	19.6%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	33.3%	31.3%	28.6%
Some College	25.5%	25.6%	21.0%
Associate Degree	6.8%	5.9%	6.3%
Bachelor's Degree	14.8%	17.2%	15.5%
Master's Degree	4.7%	4.6%	5.9%
Professional Degree	1.6%	1.7%	2.0%
Doctoral Degree	0.3%	0.9%	1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Percent Change in Employment: 1997 to 2006 U.S., Montana, and Cascade County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Top 20 Private Employers in Cascade County (Based on 2nd Quarter 2007 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Albertson's	7	National Electronics Warranty	8
Benefits Healthcare	9	Park Place Health Care Center	6
D A Davidson & Co.	6	Quality Life Concepts	6
Easter Seals - Goodwill	7	Sami's Club	6
Golden Triangle Community Mental Health	6	Sletten Construction	6
Great Falls Clinic	8	Spectrum Medical	6
Great Falls Tribune	6	Torgersons LLC	6
Heritage Inn	6	United Materials	6
James Talcott Construction	6	University of Great Falls	6
Missouri River Manor	6	Wal-Mart	8

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees, Class 2 = 5 to 19 employees, Class 1 = 1 to 9 employees

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW). This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

Agricultural Statistics - Cascade County

Farms	
Farms: (number)	1,037
Land in farms (acres)	1,388,530
Average size of farms (acres)	1,339
Farms by size: (number)	
Less than 1,000 acres	737
1,000 acres or more	300
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)	
Less than \$100,000	901
\$100,000 or more	136
Farms by type of organization: (number)	
Family, Individual, Partnership	952
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	85

Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested

Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)	
Cattle and calves	67,182
Hogs and pigs	14,403
Sheep and lambs	9,921
Horses and ponies	3,109
Bison	459
Chickens (layers and broilers)	52,498
Crops Harvested (acres)	
Corn for grain	(D)
Corn for silage or greenchop	(D)
Wheat for grain, All	131,020
Winter wheat for grain	80,310
Durum wheat for grain	1,051
Spring wheat for grain	49,659
Barley for grain	45,306
Oats for grain	918
Sunflower seed, All	0
Soybeans for beans	0
Hay, hayslage, grass silage	89,034

Operator Demographics

Primary occupation: (number)	
Farming	589
Other	448
Place of residence: (number)	
On farm operated	820
Not on farm operated	217
Years on present farm: (number)	
Less than 10 years	291
10 years or more	746
Age group: (number)	
Under 55 years	499
55 years and over	538
Average age of operators: (number)	55.8

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002.
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